

CITY MAY LOSE BIG CONVENTION

Southern Baptists Likely to Go Elsewhere on Account of Auditorium Matter.

CURTLY TREATED, HE SAYS

Dr. Gardner Discusses Perplexing Situation—Why Ministers Were Not Heard.

The citizens of Richmond who are interested in having the Southern Baptist Convention meet here next May are much disturbed and discouraged by the action of the Common Council Monday night in referring back to committee the auditorium matter.

On Monday morning the Baptist Pastors' Conference had the matter up for discussion, and appointed a committee to attend the meeting of the Common Council and bring the situation to the attention of the City Fathers. That committee consisted of Dr. C. S. Gardner, W. R. L. Smith and Dr. Ryland Knight. Dr. Gardner was seen yesterday and asked about the situation. When asked if the convention would come to Richmond, he replied:

All in the Air.

"The whole matter seems now to be in the air, with the probability strongly against its coming. We had thought that action in the matter of securing a proper meeting place would be taken in time, but now it looks otherwise. The feeling was general that, even if the recommendation of the Finance Committee had been adopted last night, and work on the building begun as soon as practicable after action by the Aldermen, there would then have been grave doubt whether it would be completed in time for the meeting of the convention. Now the matter is sent back to the committee, and has to be gone all over again."

"It is a very embarrassing situation. Before we went to Chattanooga last May a committee went before the Common Council and asked if that body would encourage us to extend an invitation to the convention to hold its next session in our city. The Council received us very cordially and gave us every assurance that steps would be taken in ample time to provide a suitable auditorium. We gave these assurances to the convention. They accepted our invitation, but provided that if we did not give satisfactory guarantees as to the auditorium by a certain date, the officers of the convention were to come to the city and see for themselves."

"That time has about expired, and one of the secretaries of the convention is pressing us now to know whether we can give the necessary assurance as to the city's ability to hold its next session in our city. In simple honor and in proper respect for the interests of the convention, they cannot delay the matter beyond a fortnight, and have determined to settle the question at their meeting Monday, the 11th of December.

"It was this situation which the committee was instructed to bring to the attention of the Common Council last night, but the Council by a vote refused very



"Santy's" Shadow

Is already outlined upon the wall. Christmas is in the very air.

Better think about gifts now before the sharp-elbowed crowds gather.

What better gifts than things to wear? Toys, baubles and knickknacks may yield a moment's pleasure, but they're soon tossed aside and forgotten.

A smartly cut Suit, a warm Overcoat, a pair of Gloves, Suspenders or Shoes, a dozen Collars, a new Hat, some Ties, a Silver-Trimmed Umbrella or Stick—these and others like them will be daily and pleasant reminders of judicious gift-giving.

And remember, please, that the place to buy a Man's Gift is at a Man's Shop, not at a bazaar.

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emphatically, and as I thought, very curtly, to grant us five minutes in which to state the embarrassments of the situation into which we, by their encouragement, had led the Southern Baptist Convention.

Seemed Indifferent.

"I do not wish to do the gentlemen of the Council an injustice, but I must be candid enough to say that among the majority of the members, I could not discover any downright earnestness about this auditorium project, and received the distinct impression that in so far as the matter relates to the coming of this particular convention there is absolute indifference on the part of many of them. I hope I am mistaken in this, but certainly if they feel any interest at all in bringing this great convention to this city next year something will have to be done and done now. This auditorium matter has been tossed about as a football from Council to committee and back to Council, and then to the Board of Aldermen, thence to another committee, and back again, to repeat the same wearisome process over, and we are apparently as far off from any practical results to-day as we were eight months ago. If we may judge the future by the past, before our city fathers settle upon any plan for an auditorium, the 1907 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will have become a dim memory, and a memory connected with some other place than Richmond. I do not mean to say that there are not some men in the Council who are deeply

EIGHT CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH; PARENTS AWAY

Two Boys and Girls Perish in New Jersey While Mothers Are at Work.

WESFIELD, N. J., December 4.—Four children, two boys and two girls, ranging in age from 2 months to 5 years, were burned to death at their home, near here, to-night.

Mrs. W. E. Wood and Mrs. Oscar Felter, who lived together with their two children, each went out to work, leaving their little ones at home alone. During their absence their house caught fire. Firemen extinguished the flames and found the bodies of the children burned beyond recognition.

Interested in this matter, and I mean to cast no reflection on any gentleman of this body. But if the city is not to lose this great meeting next spring, these gentlemen will have to break their record on this auditorium matter.

Perplexing Situation.

"The coming of the Southern Baptist Convention would be an important advantage to Richmond.

We could safely calculate upon its bringing to Richmond for four or five days from 2,000 to 3,000 visitors from all parts of the South. This money they would leave in this city, which far more than compensate for any amount that it has been proposed to spend in fitting up the Third Market into an auditorium. But if we are compelled to withdraw the invitation the city will lose a great deal more than the money they would spend. It would be an advertisement of Richmond far and wide as a city behind the times, and by reason of the encouraging assurances given last year, and two years ago, the committee given to the convention, the good faith of our city is involved.

The matter will have to be settled one way or another by a week from next Monday. Even if the City Council should let the matter rest right away for the remodeling of the Third Market, it is doubtful whether we should not have a still more perplexing situation on our hands in May on account of a failure to complete the work."

How It Happened.

When the auditorium matter came up in the Council Monday night it was presented in the form of a report from the Committee on Finance recommending the appropriation of \$15,000 for the conversion of the Third Market Building into an auditorium. Some members informed the Council that Dr. W. R. L. Smith and Dr. Gardner were present and would like to be heard on the matter.

Councilman H. R. Pollard, Jr., promptly rose and declared his opposition to any suggestion of the rules for this purpose. He stated that the proper place for persons to be heard on proposed legislation was in the committee-room, where all who desired were given opportunity to make a statement. It was a precedent to establish and would lead to trouble in the future if the custom of hearing citizens at Council sessions was begun.

This view of the situation was accepted by the Council, and the members proceeded to discuss the matter. Mr. Pollard's motion to refer the whole matter to the Finance and Grounds and Buildings Committees jointly prevailing. The matter took that course, the patron of the motion expressing the belief that the Council would be able to agree upon some recommendation.

GEORGIA PREACHER HANGS FOR MURDER

Rev. J. G. Rawlings and Alf Moore, Negro, Pay Penalty of Terrible Crime.

VALDOSTA, GA., December 4.—With the declaration that he had told the truth and that his sons had no connection with the crime, Rev. J. G. Rawlings to-day accepted the scaffold and paid the penalty for the murder of Willie and Carrie Carter in July, 1905. Alf Moore, a negro, whose confession connected Rawlings with the crime, was hanged at the same time. Both men stepped upon the scaffold without a tremor; they stood on a trap together and fell together.

The expectation that Moore would make a full confession, exonerating Milton, Jesse and Leonard Rawlings from participation in the murder of Willie and Carrie Carter, proved a disappointment. He retracted his previous statement and declared that Milton Rawlings fired the fatal shot.

The Georgia prison commission will meet Thursday to consider the petition for commutation of sentence for Milton and Jesse. Leonard Rawlings has been sentenced to life imprisonment on the recommendation of clemency by the trial jury.

Mrs. Rawlings and her two daughters visited the husband and father during the morning. They remained in the jail, but did not witness the execution.

DOPE FIEND STEALS.

Apparently Respectable Man Under Arrest at Chatham.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHATHAM, VA., December 4.—A stranger, giving his name as the father of Hotel Bennett on G. E. Shirley, of Kentucky, and claiming to be prospecting for a location to store his goods, was arrested Sunday morning in jail on the charge of stealing numerous articles from the office of Frank Henderson & Company. When arrested several articles were found on his person, among them a pair of gloves, two razors and a few bottles of medicine. Today he was taken before Mayor Hargrave and pleaded guilty to the charges, and stated that if allowed to go to the place of confinement he would return some of the stolen articles, among which was a \$500 pipe, belonging to Walter B. Davis, clerk of the House of Delegates. Henderson & Company is added to the morphine habit, and claims he was under the drug's influence when the crime was committed. He was taken back to jail to await developments, and see if anything can be learned of his whereabouts.

Shirley has recently met with an accident, and his condition physically is far from good. He refused to give any information about himself or relatives.

NEGROES BOOM FORAKER FOR THE PRESIDENCY

STURGEONVILLE, O., December 4.—At a mass-meeting of negroes, held in the courthouse here to-night, a Foraker club was organized to boom the senior Senator from Ohio for the presidency in 1908. An open chain of letters was also started, urging the negro voters all over the United States to organize at once for Foraker.

Southern Freight Wreck.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 4.—A slight freight wreck occurred this morning at Caspers, a mile below the city, on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The train was wrecked for nearly two hours.

Father and Mother at Church. Children Perish—Home Destroyed—Money Lost.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., December 4.—A

belated report from Evinston, Campbell county, nineteen miles from Lynchburg, tells of the burning Sunday night of the home of John Irvine, a colored farmer, in which his four children, the eldest aged 5, were burned. The father and mother went to church, leaving the children at home. On their return they found the ashes of their home and only the burned bones of the children.

Two hundred dollars in silver was lost, in addition to the home.

DELEGATES OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Rivers and Harbors Congress Meets To-Morrow Morning at Arlington Hotel.

CITY GREATLY INTERESTED

Government Will Be Asked to Appropriate Fifty Millions for Ten Years for Waterways.

The Richmond members of the Rivers and Harbors Congress will leave at 5 o'clock this afternoon over the Seaboard Air Line Railway for Washington, where the body meets on Thursday morning at the Arlington Hotel.

The fact that Governor Swanson, Mayor McCarthy and the Chamber of Commerce have all appointed committees to attend the congress, indicates the importance of the movement to the city of Richmond and the State at large.

The great matter of securing adequate appropriations from Congress for improving the 50,000 miles of waterway in the United States and in this manner to place the country in a better position to handle the great and ever-increasing business of the country. It is pointed out that the water freight charges range from one-sixth to one-fifth of the cost of the railroads, and recognizing this enormous difference, every progressive section is doing all in its power to develop and maintain its waterways.

Congress will be asked to appropriate \$50,000,000 for ten years, or a half a billion dollars within that time to improve and care for the rivers and harbors of the country. It is stated that it would take ten times this amount, or \$500,000,000 expended in the improvement and construction of railroads to equal results in the waterway movement.

Letter From Mayor.

Mayor McCarthy sent the following letter to Mr. Morton on yesterday:

W. Waller Morton, Esq., Chairman Committee on Rivers and Harbors, Richmond, Va.

My Dear Sir,—In response to urgent circulars from the Executive Committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress I have appointed the following delegates to the convention to be held at Washington, D. C., on Thursday and Friday, December 6th and 7th, at the Arlington Hotel: H. R. Pollard, Jr., Dr. W. R. L. Smith, W. W. Morton, James R. Gordon, G. H. Felter, John C. Freeman.

While it is true that many of our people do not appreciate the importance of this great effort to improve the National waterways, and are anxious to discontinue the delegates to the Congress and provide for their necessary expenses, I think it would be better to have you to represent the City of Richmond, and to urge the delegates to stay at the convention as long as possible, and to urge the delegates to stay at the convention as long as possible, and to urge the delegates to stay at the convention as long as possible.

(Signed) CARLTON MCCARTHY, Mayor.

The Committee.

The Richmond Convention is as follows:

Messrs. W. W. Morton, Z. Morris, James Cable, John A. Corlie.

Announced by the Chamber of Commerce—Messrs. W. W. Morton, O. H. Felter, John C. Freeman, John Henderson & Company.

Announced by Messrs. McCarthy, Messrs. McCarthy, Messrs. McCarthy.

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The sick stomach is in every case the result of overeating, hurried mastication and improper choice of foods. The food is forced down the muscles fail to digest. They do not churn the food as they should. The acids are not secreted. Gastric juice to dissolve the food and render it capable of assimilation. The man has become a victim.

There is one sure way, and only one, to bring positive relief. Put into that stomach of yours the very elements that it lacks to get that food into liquid form. It takes pepsin, diastase, golden sand and other ferments to accomplish this. The Dyspeptic Stomach lacks these elements.

Stuart's Dyspeptic Tablets are not a medicine, but a drug, not a cathartic. They do not cure dyspepsia, but they cure the cause of dyspepsia, and such ailments as arise from poorly digested food.

While they digest the food the stomach recovers. The mucous membrane is coming out of its stupor, the gastric cells are regaining their power. Every organ of the body takes on new life. The skin shines and the eyes are no longer tinged with yellow. You are a new man.

Why doctor and why drug your stomach? Stuart's Dyspeptic Tablets will take care of your food while Nature cures you.

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EIGHT LIVES LOST IN GREAT FLOOD

Dam Breaks, Sending Wall of Water Down Chase Creek. Connection Cut Off.

ED. PARO, TEX., December 4.—A special to the Herald from Moscow, Ark., says: "Eight lives are said to have been lost in a great flood at Clifton last night. The Detroit concentrator dam broke, sending a wall of water down Chase Creek. Wires are down between Moscow and Clifton, and no definite news can be obtained until messengers return from Clifton. The central telephone station in Clifton has been abandoned, having been pronounced unsafe."

NORFOLK-BEAUFORT INLET WATERWAY

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Secretary Taft submitted a report to the House to-day on the proposed Norfolk-Beaufort waterway, connecting Virginia and North Carolina waters by an inland route. The report was prepared by army engineers, and recommends that a 12-foot waterway be constructed on the Albemarle and Chesapeake route. The cost by this route is estimated at \$2,500,000 plus the cost of the Albemarle-Chesapeake Canal.

LABOR TEMPLE.

Report to Be Made to Council Monday Night.

The committee on labor temple of the Central Trades and Labor Council have formulated a report to be submitted to the Council at its next meeting. The committee on the temple matter has made a full report as to the plan for building and management of the temple, which it is proposed to organize an incorporated joint stock company to build. The full committee was in accord with the plan presented.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Hattie Cooley.

Mrs. Hattie Gertrude Cooley, daughter of Superintendent George B. Davis, of the City Home, and wife of State Senator R. A. P. Cooley, of North Carolina, died at the home of her father, after a lingering illness of some weeks.

Mrs. Lucy Brown.

At her home, No. 412 North Tenth Street, Richmond, Va., last night, Mrs. Lucy Brown died after a lingering illness. She is survived by four children—Mr. Edgar Brown, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. George W. Brown, of this city; Mrs. Orrie A. Crockett, of Portsmouth City, Md.; and Miss Flora Brown, of Richmond.

Mrs. Henrietta Finkle.

Mrs. Henrietta Finkle died yesterday at 2:30 o'clock P. M., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Finkle, on Brook Road, Gordon Street, Henric county. Mrs. Finkle was eighty years old. She was born in Germany.

Miss Mattie Fleishman.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.] APPOMATTOX, VA., December 3.—Miss Mattie Fleishman, of Appomattox, who died at her home in Henric county, Henric county, Va., after a long illness, was buried yesterday afternoon from the Henric Baptist Church on Monday, and the remains taken to the Liberty Cemetery for interment. The pallbearers were: Mr. A. H. Caldwell, Jr., W. E. McDonald, Albert H. Gregory and Robert C. Harvey. Miss Fleishman was a daughter of Captain J. P. Fleishman, a prominent citizen and attorney of this county. She was widely known and beloved for her personal attractiveness and sweet disposition. She is survived by her parents and ten brothers and sisters.

C. O. Thacker.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., December 4.—Mr. Cornelius O. Thacker, a well-known and popular citizen, died at his residence, on Exchange Street, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from typhoid fever.

Dr. W. J. Lucke.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEBESBURG, VA., December 4.—Dr. William J. Lucke, of Middleburg, Loudoun county, a prominent physician, aged seventy-one years, died Monday night at his late home in that place from general debility and a complication of diseases. He was a graduate of the medical school of the University of Virginia, and was a member of the American Medical Association. He was a native of Prussia, and was a son of Dr. W. J. Lucke of Middleburg.

Captain John G. Brown.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FRONT ROY, VA., December 4.—Captain John G. Brown, who for the past sixteen years has been a member of the Poor for this county, died this morning at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Brown, of disease of the heart. Captain Brown served during the entire Civil War in the Potomac Flotilla, and was a member of a prominent Mason and his funeral will be conducted according to the Masonic rites.

A. B. Fleming.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LURAY, VA., December 4.—A. B. Fleming, a prominent citizen of Springfield District, this county, died last night at his home near Lurayville. Mr. Fleming had been ill only a few days, and his death was due to pneumonia. He was about sixty-eight years of age, and is survived by a widow.

Abraham Gardner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., December 4.—Following a lingering illness of consumption, Abraham Gardner, a prominent landowner of Frederick county, died last evening at his home near Grimes, aged forty-two years.

Jacob Hottinger.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAATTON, VA., December 4.—Mr. Jacob Hottinger, prominent and well-to-do farmer of Roman, Augusta county, died yesterday, aged seventy-five years, with pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and a number of children.

Harry B. Brooks.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., December 4.—Mr. Harry B. Brooks, foreman of the American Clearing Company, of Lynchburg, a native of Maryland, Va., died here today from consumption, aged twenty-five. He leaves a wife and one child.

DEATHS.

FINKE—Died, December 4th, at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. HENRIETTA FINKE, in her eightieth year, after a short illness, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Brimmer, on Brook Road, Gordon Street, Henric county. Mrs. Finke was born in Germany.

Are You Happy?

The dark side of a woman's life is seldom seen by anyone but herself. What agonies, what misery, what fits of melancholy and the blues, the poor, miserable sufferers of female disease have to endure, one month after another! What wonder so many thousands of women cannot truthfully say that they are happy! Are you? Happiness cannot be called complete without health, and health is best obtained by

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